Professional quarry-men find it difficult to carry on their profession continuously as they are required to get a separate license for each quarry. Licenses may be issued for periods of a year without specifying the quarries.

Reply of Government.—The royalty cannot be excused. The representation that professional quarry-men should be given licenses annually renewable, the fees to be paid by them being recovered according to the quantity of stones removed by them under their license, is noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 108.

Permanent assessment.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Now that revision survey and settlement operations are going on, it is prayed that permanent settlement may be introduced. The recent enhancement of rates in the Chitaldrug and Davangere Taluk Settlements has been causing much anxiety to the raiyats. If it is contended that prices have risen to justify enhancements, it is urged in reply that (1) the land has lost its fertility, that (2) the cost of living has also increased, and that (3) the raiyat expects to have better food, clothing and lodging. If the assessment is augmented at every settlement, no margin will be left to the raiyat to meet the above extra costs. Recurring droughts and scarcity have increased the raiyat's poverty.

Mr. Nadig Timmappa of Davangere *per contra* stated that the revision settlement has been exceedingly moderate and has not been felt by the inhabitants of the locality, as the wet and garden assessment has generally been reduced, only the dry assessment having been slightly increased. Mr. Harihar Srinivasa Rao supported Mr. Timmappa.

Reply of Government.—The member seems to be under a misconception, his statement not being borne out by the experience of the raiyats in the locality. It is very evident that the persons really concerned have no complaint.

SUBJECT No. 109.

Sub-division of banjar numbers during re-survey.

Mr. Srinivasa Deekshit, Shikarpur Taluk.

Sub-division of banjar lands.

Mr. K. B. Srinivasa Rao, District Board, Tumkur.

Summary of discussion.—During revision survey, big survey numbers under occupancy were divided into sub-numbers, but the unoccupied survey numbers were left as they were. It is therefore requested that big unassessed survey numbers may be divided into convenient sub-numbers, so as not to be below the prescribed minimum.

It was believed that during re-survey, the survey numbers of unoccupied waste lands of large extent would be divided into small numbers. But only in the case of applications it has been so done. This is a source of loss to Government as the poor raiyats who cannot think of taking up a large area, do not apply for such survey numbers. Such numbers may therefore be divided once for all so as to contain the minima fixed. Otherwise the dis-